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1. Overseas branches of the Chung Ho Tang (中和黨), Chinese secret society, are moving to revive the central organization of the society. Within the past several months, many of the branches have communicated with KUAN Jen-fu (關仁甫), sole surviving founder of the organization who now lives in Canton, asking him to call a conference of branch delegates for this purpose. KUAN is seeking ways and means of financing such a meeting.
2. The Chung Ho Tang was founded in the late 1880's by a small group comprised of SUN Yat-sen, YU Lieh (尤烈), KO Tien-mei (柯天美) and KUAN Jen-fu. The original members of the society were former Taiping rebels who had emigrated to various parts of Southeast Asia.
3. The organization was active and flourishing until the outbreak of the Pacific war, after which the headquarters of the society, in Hong Kong, became inactive and the central organization broke down and was dissolved.
4. At the end of the war, despite the dissolution of the central organization, active branches remained in the Philippines, Indochina, Indonesia, Malaya, Thailand and Burma. At that time, an unsuccessful attempt was made by the Kuomintang to incorporate these branches in its Southeast Asia organization.

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